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via email at: licensing@nwb-oen.ca

Richard Dwyer
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Dear Richard Dwyer:

RE: 2BE-HOP1112 – Agnico Eagle Mines Ltd. – Hope Bay Project – Notice of Renewal Water Licence Application

Environment and Climate Change Canada (ECCC) has reviewed the information submitted to the Nunavut Water Board (NWB) regarding the above-mentioned Notice of Renewal Water Licence Application.

ECCC is providing technical, science-based information and knowledge based on our mandate pursuant to the *Canadian Environmental Protection Act* and the pollution prevention provisions of the *Fisheries Act*. These comments are intended to inform the assessment of this project's potential effects in the receiving environment and on valued ecosystem components. Any comments received from ECCC in this context does not relieve the proponent of its obligations to respect all applicable federal legislation.

The following comments are provided:

1. Section 6.1.1 Camp Incinerators

Reference(s)

- HOPE BAY PROJECT, 2021 Nunavut Water Board Annual Report

Comment

The Proponent states, "In 2021, Agnico waste management operators have attempted to optimize incineration conditions to address past exceedances. A stack test to assess the techniques applied was planned for 2021 with equipment shipped to site for September 2021. However, due to a fatality at site, and a series of COVID-positive employees, all site visits were cancelled. The stack testing has been postponed to 2022."



ECCC Recommendation(s)

ECCC requests that the Proponent provide a targeted timeframe for when stack testing will be performed in 2022.

2. Section 6.1.2 Open Burning

Reference(s)

- HOPE BAY PROJECT, 2021 Nunavut Water Board Annual Report

Comment

The Proponent states, "The disposal method for untreated wood, cardboard and paper products generated on-site is open burning."

ECCC Recommendation(s)

ECCC requests that the Proponent provide the location of the open burning site.

If you need more information, please contact Stephinie Mallon at Stephinie.Mallon@ec.gc.ca.

Sincerely,

[original signed by]

Stephinie Mallon
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cc: Jody Small, Acting Head, Environmental Assessment North (NT and NU)